GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:400
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TALKS WITH MILITANTS IN ASSAM
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress and steps taken by the Government to initiate/resume talks with Assam ULFA militants during 2001-2002 till date; and

(b) the reasons for lack of initiative from the Central Government in this regard despite insistence from the State Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) & (b): The Government has extended an invitation to all those who have strayed from the paths of togetherness to come forward for talks within the four corners of our Constitution. The United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) has not yet come forward for peace talks within the parameters indicated.